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Examiner : Balasubramanian, Venkataraman
Group Art Unit : 1626
Inventors : Lauffer, David, et al.
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/ Cambridge, Massachusetts
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C., 20231

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the February 25, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. This reply is timely submitted within one month of the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement.

REMARKSRESTRICTION

The Examiner has required a restriction in the above-identified application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups:

- I. claims 1-20 drawn to compound of formula (I),
wherein J and K taken together with the two